<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A filter element comprising:

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators,

at least one of the series-arm resonators including the series-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side being composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators being composed of only one single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the parallel-arm resonators includes including the parallel-arm resonator at the first stage is composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.
 - 3. (Currently Amended) A filter element comprising:

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators,

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators including the parallel-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side connected directly to an input

terminal of the filter element is composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

4. (Currently Amended) A filter element comprising:

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators,

at least each of all the series-arm and/or parallel-arm resonators at the first stage on the signal input side including a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

- 5. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the series-arm resonator including the plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel has an admittance matched with the admittance of at least one of the other series-arm resonators.
- 6. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 2, wherein the parallel-arm resonator including the plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel has an admittance matched with the admittance of at least one of the other parallel-arm resonators.
- 7. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel have exciting parts that are uniform in size.
- 8. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, which has a ladder filter structure.

- 9. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, which has a lattice filter structure.
 - 10. (Previously Presented) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators include a substrate that contains at least one of silicon, glass, and ceramics;

the piezoelectric thin film contains at least one of aluminum nitride, zinc oxide, lead zirconate titanate, and lead titanate; and

an upper electrode film and a lower electrode film that are single-layer or multi-layer films containing at least one of aluminum, copper, gold, molybdenum, tungsten, tantalum, chromium, titanium, platinum, and rhodium.

- 11. (Original) The filter element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the parallel-arm resonators each includes an upper electrode film having a SiO₂ film formed thereon.
 - 12. (Currently Amended) A filter device comprising:
 - a filter element[[:]]; and
 - a package that houses the filter element,

the filter element including

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators.

at least one of the series-arm resonators including the series-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side being composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel,

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators being composed of only one single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator.

13. (Currently Amended) A duplexer comprising:

a transmission filter element and a reception filter element,

the transmission filter element including a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators,

at least one of the series-arm resonators including the series-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side being composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel,

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators being composed of only one single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator.

14. (Currently Amended) A duplexer comprising:

a transmission filter element and a reception filter element,

the transmission filter element including a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators,

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators including the parallel-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side connected directly to an input terminal of the filter element is composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

15. (Currently Amended) A high-frequency circuit that transmits and receives radio signals, comprising:

a first amplifier that amplifies transmission signals;

a second amplifier that amplifies reception signals; and

a duplexer that includes a transmission filter element and a reception filter element,

the transmission filter element including a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators, and

at least one of the series-arm resonators including the series-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side being composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators being composed of only one single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator.

16. (Currently Amended) A high-frequency circuit that transmits and receives radio signals, comprising:

a first amplifier that amplifies transmission signals;

a second amplifier that amplifies reception signals; and

a duplexer that includes a transmission filter element and a reception filter element.

the transmission filter element including a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators, and

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators including the parallel-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side connected directly to an input terminal of the filter element is composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

17. (Currently Amended) A high-frequency circuit that transmits radio signals, comprising:

an amplifier that amplifies transmission signals; and a filter element that filters the transmission signals,

the filter element including a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators, and

at least one of the series-arm resonators including the series-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side being composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators being composed of only one single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator.

18. (Currently Amended) A high-frequency circuit that transmits radio signals, comprising:

an amplifier that amplifies transmission signals; and

a filter element that filters the transmission signals,

the filter element including a plurality of resonator that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit and have a single piezoelectric thin film common to the plurality of resonators, and

at least one of the parallel-arm resonators including the parallel-arm resonator at the first stage on the signal input side connected directly to an input terminal of the filter element is composed of a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel.

19. (Currently Amended) A filter element comprising:

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit,

only the series-arm and/or parallel-arm resonators at the first stage on the signal input side including a plurality of single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film[[,]] resonators connected in parallel.

20. (Currently Amended) A filter element comprising:

a plurality of resonators that are arranged in series arms and parallel arms in a circuit.

the series-arm resonators at the first stage on the signal input side including single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonators connected in parallel more than a single-terminal pair piezoelectric thin-film resonator in each of the other series-arm resonators.